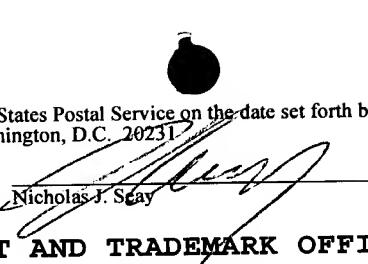


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Applicants: Frederick R. Blattner et al. Date: January 25, 2000

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
(37 CFR 1.136(a))**

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated 10/26/99 for one (1) month(s) from 12/26/99 to 01/26/00.

Applicant is

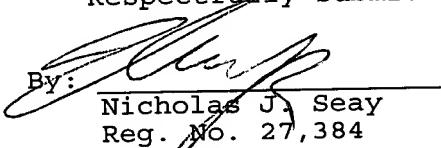
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 - is attached.
 - was filed previously.
- other than a small entity.

Extension:	Fee for Non-Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<u>Months</u>		
[X] one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
[] two months	\$380.00	\$190.00
[] three months	\$870.00	\$435.00
[] four months	\$1360.00	\$680.00
[] five months	\$1850.00	\$925.00
		Fee <u>\$110.00</u>

Please charge the above-identified fee and any additional fee due in this application to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

A response to the Office Action
 is filed herewith.
 has been filed.

Respectfully submitted,


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